

of the yoni is simply their method of vowing mutual friendship; and is similar in meaning to swearing by the grasping of the phallus, and — like our uplifted hand



Fig. 189.



Fig. 190.



Fig. 191.



Fig. 192.



Fig. 193.

when taking an oath — is an appeal to the divine creator as a witness of truth and good will.

The shell or *Concha Veneris*, Figures 191 and 192, is a very common symbol of the yoni, and, hence, of all it represents. This is an ancient and modern symbol, often worn as an amulet. It is common in Italy, and is there the especial badge of pilgrims to some shrines.

The cornucopia, Figure 193, is a similar symbol. It contains libations which are poured upon the phallus, but more especially upon the prolific womb. It hence signifies abundant felicity, plenty, and good fortune.

The feminine hand, shown in Figure 194, is of similar import as the shell, cornucopia and *vesica piceis* — that is, the making of this sign is interpreted to mean that all the felicity and blessings represented by these emblems are wished by the signaler to fall upon and follow the one to whom the hand thus formed is shown.



Fig. 194.